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SUBJECT: CYPRUS EVACUEES IN BEIRUT

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1. PER REFTEL, VERY DIFFICULT PROVIDE ACCURATE GUIDANCE UNTIL SITUATION HERE CLARIFIES CONSIDERABLY. CEASEFIRE IS TENUOUS AND NO PROGRESS YET MADE ON OTHER ARTICLES LISTED IN GENEVA AGREEMENT. POSSIBILITY OF RENEWED LARGE-SCALE FIGHTING STILL EXISTS.

2. IF GREEK AND TURKS ABLE AGREE ON CEASEFIRE LINE AND IF SCHEDULED RESUMPTION GENEVA TALKS TAKES PLACE, WE WILL BE IN POSITION PROVIDE MORE ACCURATE ADVISE. HOWEVER BOTH THE ABOVE IFS SHOULD BE READ IN CAPITAL LETTERS.

3. TAKING INTO ACCOUNT ABOVE CAVEATS, LIFE ON GREEK SIDE (PARTICULARLY IN SOUTHERN AREAS) HAS LARGELY RETURNED TO NORMAL. THIS COULD CHANGE DRASTICALLY, ALMOST WITHOUT WARNING. WISH WE COULD BE MORE PRECISE AND HOPEFUL BUT SITUATION REMAINS TOO MURKY TO MAKE ACCURATE PREDICTIONS. WOULD ADVISE ANYONE INTENDING TO RETURN THAT HE DOES SO AT OWN RISK AND WITH NO ASSURANCE THERE WILL BE SUBSEQUENT EVACUATION SHOULD SITUATION DETERIORATE.

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